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A PARTIAL LIST OF THE ACTIVITIES OF

THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS IN THE WAR

To January, 1918

1. Military drill required of all freshmen and sophomores.
2. Reserve Officers Training Corps at the University.
3. Men of all classes under military instruction about 1400.
4. February, 1917, President offers facilities of University to the President of the United States through the Governor of the State.
5. Loss of students since declaration of war last April, more than 1200.
6. Number of faculty, students and alumni now in the service of their country in the war, 2582, 300 of them now abroad, and also 200 medical and dental students in the enlisted reserve.
7. Illinois men largely in charge of construction of the military camps during the past six months.
8. Classes organized last spring to furnish men to the ordnance and quartermaster's departments, about 120 students enrolled.
9. Red Cross course given completed by 140 students.
10. Ambulance unit sent to France. About $10,000 in money raised for ambulance support.
11. United States Government Army School of Military Aeronautics at the University.
12. Food conservation. Professor Isabel Bevier spent two months assisting the Food Department in Washington. The extension division of the Household Science Department has organized a food conservation campaign.
13. Belgian Relief. The first service was about two months after the beginning of the war, with a donation of 50 boxes of clothing and $1500 in cash. Cash raised for Belgian relief $13625.

14. Syrian and Armenian Relief, $5928.09.

15. Red Cross subscriptions, approximately $3800.

16. Y. M. C. A. War fund, $28,738.

17. College of Agriculture; Advising farmers concerning crops, etc., in the emergency.

18. A number of special investigations of a confidential nature in connection with the war are under way.

19. University Battery now in France.

THE WAR COMMITTEE OF THE UNIVERSITY

Honorary Chairmen

Hon. Frank O. Lowden—Governor of the State.
Dr. Edmund J. James—President of the University.
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General Committee

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Professor F. H. Newell
Professor S. P. Sherman
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Professor C. M. Thompson

The War Committee of the University of Illinois was appointed for these purposes:

1. To give information about the war to the students and faculty of the University.

2. To spread similar information among the people of the state by lectures and articles, and to furnish the press with news items.

3. To publish war leaflets on topics of interest to the people of the state.

4. To coordinate the work of the many organizations and individuals now engaged in different lines of "war work" at the University.

5. To raise and maintain a University service flag.

6. To keep records of the University men and women in the government service, especially in the army and navy.

7. To stimulate in every way interest in military work and in the war.

By authority of the Board of Trustees a general committee of seven was appointed by the President of the University.

This committee organized by selecting three honorary chairmen, who have consented to the use of their names, and by providing divisional committees as follows:

Divisional Committees

[For names of members of committees see pages 9 ff.]

1. On the Publication of War Leaflets:

The duty of this committee is to publish leaflets of from one to

four pages on subjects of importance concerning the war, for distribution in large editions among the people of the state. Pamphlets of larger size may also be printed and distributed occasionally. The committee has four divisions each with its own chairman, as follows: (a) Agriculture; (b) Food; (c) Politics, international law and history; (d) General topics.

2. On Publicity:

The duties of the committee on publicity are to gather and give to the newspapers, through the Associated Press and otherwise, all important items of news about the work of the committees; to secure from members of the faculty articles for publication in periodicals, and in every way to disseminate information on the activities of the committee. The committee has two subdivisions: (a) News; (b) Periodical articles.

3. On Talks and Lectures at the University:

The duty of this committee is to provide short talks and occasional lectures for the University as a whole and for separate groups and organizations therein on subjects connected with the war. A group of sub-committees will be constituted by the membersof the committee, consisting of one faculty and one or more student members from the different student organizations. Each of these sub-committees is expected to provide talks for one or more organizations from week to week or month to month.

4. On Extension Lectures in the State:

The duty of the committee is explained by its title. Members of the University faculty on the Farmers' Institute programs will be expected to devote some part of their talks to war topics. Requests for war talks from public schools, teachers' associations and other educational bodies will be supplied as far as possible. The third division of the committee will care for similar requests from Women's Clubs, Commercial Clubs, churches and other organizations and individuals.

5. On Funds Collection:

Beginning January 1, 1918, all individuals or organizations desiring to canvass or to offer entertainments in the University for funds destined for purposes connected with the war, must submit to this committee a request for approval so to canvass. The committee will issue cards of authorization. The committee will give advice as to the best time for soliciting so that campaigns to raise funds for different purposes will

not conflict. The committee may, if it sees fit, initiate a collection campaign for some appropriate war purpose. Authority to perform these services has been given by the Council of Administration.

6. On the University Program:

The duty of this committee is to study the University class schedule, utilization of rooms, courses offered, etc., with a view to determining whether a more efficient use can be made of our equipment and rooms, whether any condensation of courses offered seems advisable, and whether new short courses bearing on the war may be provided. The committee will make its recommendations or suggestions to the central committee which will then take the matter up with the proper University officers.

7. On United States Savings Certificates and Loans:

This committee is appointed to arouse interest in and promote the sale of United States savings certificates, liberty bonds and other loans of the Government in connection with the war.

8. On Students' Cooperation:

The duty of this committee is to bring about cooperation between the faculty and students in all things undertaken at the University with relation to the war.

9. On the University Service Flag:

The duty of this committee is to provide and raise with appropriate ceremonies, and later to maintain, a University service flag.

10. On University War Service Records:

Since the beginning of the war the Dean of Men has kept a record of the members of the University, past and present, who have entered or expect to enter the government service in connection with the war. The war committee, realizing that it could make no better provision for carrying on this work simply adopts Dean Clark's staff as its committee on this work. To this Dean Clark has consented. The committee therefore consists of Dean T. A. Clark and his staff on this work.

11. On University War Employment:

This committee secures information concerning the location, occupation, qualifications and availability for service, of students, faculty and alumni, and keeps in touch with the various government departments so that when individuals are needed for special work we may be able to recommend and place suitable members of the University.

This work, like that described under committee number 10, has been carried on from the beginning of the war, and has been done by the Assistant Dean of the College of Engineering, Dean H. H. Jordan, Chairman.

12. On Military Organization and Exhibitions:

The duty of this committee is to participate in a military way in occasional affairs planned by itself or in connection with the work of other committees.

13. On Conservation and Economy:

The duty of this committee is to influence the University community to economize as far as possible in their mode of living, materials consumed, etc. It is believed that the boarding houses, fraternities and sororities can be assisted to a more economical scheme of expenditure, and that there is room for economy in expenditures connected with public functions of the various University organizations.

14. On Legal Advice to Drafted Men:

Certain members of the law faculty have been appointed associate members of the Legal Advisory Board, Division No. 1, Champaign County (including Urbana) and also associate members of Legal Advisory Board, Division No. 2, Champaign County (including Champaign) and are listed, with their consent, as one of the divisional war committees.

The Selective Service Regulations issued by President Wilson, November 8, 1917, provide for a classification of drafted men not yet called to the colors in order to determine as to each,—"the place in the military, industrial or agricultural ranks of the nation in which his experience and training can best be made to serve the common good. This project involves an inquiry by the Selective Boards into the domestic, industrial and educational qualifications of nearly ten million men." For this purpose an elaborate questionnaire has been mailed to the registered men. A Legal Advisory Board, consisting of three members appointed by the President, together with associate members designated by the Boards themselves, is established in each registration locality whose duty is to give advice concerning rights and obligations under the Selective Draft Act and Regulations, and to assist registrants in making full and true answer to the questionnaire. Every registrant is expected, and by some Boards at least required, to confer with a member of an Advisory Board before he writes his answers.

1. *On the Publication of War Leaflets*:
Professor L. M. Larson, *General Chairman.*

   a. Agriculture: Professor J. C. Blair, Professor N. W. Hepburn, Professor C. S. Crandall.
   b. Food: Professor Isabel Bevier, Professor Howard B. Lewis, Professor W. C. Coffey, Professor L. H. Smith, Professor Ruth Wheeler, Miss Lucile Wheeler, Dr. Lorinda Perry.
   c. Politics, International law and History: Professor J. W. Garner, Professor J. A. Fairlie, Professor J. M. Mathews, Professor E. L. Bogart, Professor A. T. Olmstead.
   d. General Topics: Professor H. J. Barton, Professor C. M. Moss, Professor T. E. Oliver.

2. *On Publicity*:

   Mr. H. F. Harrington, Associate in Journalism, *General Chairman;* Mr. Carl Stephens, Professor H. F. Moore, Mr. W. H. Buschman.

   a. News: Mr. K. D. Pulcipher and staff of The Daily Illini.
   b. Periodical Articles: Dr. B. E. Powell, Professor A. S. Pease.

3. *On Talks and Lectures at the University*:

   Professor Ernest Bernbaum, *General Chairman;* Dean Fanny C. Gates, Dean A. R. Warnock, Professor D. K. Dodge.

Sub-Committees:

The following sub-committees of faculty and students have been appointed to promote interest in the series of war talks that are to be given before student organizations, and will arrange programs therefor:

Social Fraternities: Lew R. Sarrett, chairman; R. E. Foulke, R. C. Haas, C. Fairman.

Sororities and House Units: Miss Clarissa Rinaker, chairman: Rowena Kohl, Lucile Peirson, Beryl Love.

Engineering Societies and Fraternities: Assistant Dean H. H. Jordan, chairman; H. C. Dieserud, D. B. Ohrum, H. E. Kelly, W. E. Bull, Logan Smith.

Agricultural Clubs and Societies: J. H. Checkley, chairman; F. B. Manny, E. A. Bierbaum, W. H. Eichhorn.

Commerce Clubs and Fraternities: Professor H. T. Scovill, chairman; George Salladin, Chester Kreidler, Robert A. Bryant.

L. A. and S. Groups of Societies and Fraternities: Professor Jacob Zeitlin, chairman; R. R. Thompson, McKinley Gardner, E. B. Vliet, P. N. Landis.

Men's Literary Societies, Law and Political Clubs: Professor D. K. Dodge, chairman: G. V. Knight, T. G. Searle, R. H. Antoszewski, J. H. Armstrong, F. H. Fisk.

Musical and Dramatic Interests: Professor J. L. Erb, chairman; F. K. W. Drury, W. C. Langdon, Robert Bryant, C. E. Snell.

Women's Organizations; (except social and religious): Miss Louise Freer, chairman; Francelia Sargent, Iva Newburn, Eunice Badger, Ruth Lieber.

Religious Associations: Dean A. R. Warnock, chairman; R. C. Haas, Jennis E. Barry.

4. *On Extension Lectures in the State*:

Mr. R. E. Hieronymus, *General Chairman.*

a. Farmers' Institutes: Mr. A. W. Jamison, Miss Mamie Bunch.
b. Public Schools and other educational bodies: Professor H. G. Paul, Professor H. A. Hollister.
c. Other bodies: Professor E. C. Hayes.

5. *On Funds Collection*:

Professor E. H. Decker, *General Chairman;* Professor Kenneth McKenzie, Miss Francelia Sargent, President Women's League, Dr. W. L. Burlison, Mr. A. W. Gross, President of the Graduate Club, Mr. Hugh W. Cross.

6. *On the University Program*:

Dean N. A. Weston, *General Chairman;* Assistant Dean H. H. Jordan, Assistant Dean H. V. Canter, Professor W. C. Coffey, Lieut. M. S. Mason, School of Military Aeronautics.

7. *On United States Savings Certificates and Loans*:

Dr. Charles L. Stewart, *General Chairman;* Professor D. F. McFarland, Professor N. C. Brooks.

8. *On Students' Cooperation*:
Professor J. B. Shaw, *General Chairman;* Dr. G. D. Beal, Miss Ruth Lieber, Mr. R. H. Mallory, Mr. J. W. Dietz, Vice President Illinois Union.

9. *On the University Service Flag*:
Professor F. H. Newell, *General Chairman,* Professor C. S. Sale, Professor L. H. Provine, Dean A. R. Warnock, Miss Louise Freer.

10. *On University War Service Records*:
Dean T. A. Clark and staff.

11. *On University War Employment*:
Dean H. H. Jordan.

12. *On Military Organization and Exhibitions*:
Major E. W. McCaskey, *General Chairman,* Cadet Col. C. Fairman, Cadet Col. F. C. Kalthoff, Cadet Lt. Col. E. R. Brigham, Cadet Lt. Col. L. E. Yeager.

13. *On Conservation and Economy*:
Professor Henry B. Ward, *General Chairman.*
General Committee:
Professor Henry B. Ward, *Chairman;* Professor Maurice H. Robinson, Professor Arthur C. Willard, Miss M. E. Parsons, Mr. John A. Stevenson.

a. Finances of Organizations:
Professor Maurice H. Robinson, Chairman; Mr. A. C. Littleton, M. R. E. Foulke, Mr. G. E. Salladin, Mr. J. L. Klein.

b. Coal:
Professor Arthur C. Willard, Chairman; Mr. Russell S. White, Mr. A. D. Halliwell, Mr. L. M. Winters, Mr. L. L. Horen.

c. Food:
Miss M. E. Parsons, Chairman; Professor E. A. White, Miss Lillian Woerman, Mr. L. L. Smith.

d. Entertainments:
Mr. John A. Stevenson, Chairman; Dr. J. E. Miller, Mr. W. E. Hayne, Miss Helene Doty, Miss Edna C. Vail.

14. *On Legal Advice to Drafted Men*:
Dean Henry W. Ballantine, *General Chairman,* Professor Charles E. Carpenter, Professor Edward H. Decker, Professor Frederick Green, Professor W. G. Hale, Professor John Norton Pomeroy.

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